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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a legible copy of the following relevant art along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-329772 published in Japan on November 15, 2002.

The above-listed prior art is not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of this prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of this prior art is attached to the copy thereof.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider it during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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